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TOPIC Military Activities in the Dessau-Wittenberg Area

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REMARKS

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1. After 15 July 1955, the barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau (3401) was occupied by approximately 600 soldiers. No heavy weapons were observed in the installation. Sentries and soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and tank insignia. On 14 July, some 600 soldiers with full field equipment left for the Oranienbaum training area.

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2. Between 12 and 23 July, the Kochstedt Kaserne (3241) in Dessau was occupied by some 500 soldiers. Approximately 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and tank insignia were still stationed in the wooded area about 1,200 meters southwest of the installation. The supply vehicles observed definitely indicated that these units belonged to the Kochstedt Kaserne.

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3. On 9 July, the Rosslau engineer training site was evacuated because of floods. The approximately 1,500 engineer soldiers stationed there had been transferred to the wooded area near Lukow.

4. The engineer units returned to the camp on 19 July. Approximately 35 two-section steel pontoons on trucks were seen.

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5. Between 18 and 26 July, the barracks installations of the Wittenberg post were still very lightly occupied. 4

6. The following military shipments were observed at the Wittenberg railroad station between 20 and 26 July:

20 July. At 1600, a train with 26 trucks and 10 boxcars with soldiers wearing black-collar patches and signal insignia, which

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came from the direction of Halle and proceeded toward Jueterbog. At 1630, a train with 46 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 locked boxcar, and 8 boxcars with soldiers wearing black collar patches with signal insignia, which came from the direction of Halle and proceeded toward Jueterbog.

21 July. At 1000, 1 train with 9 trucks, and radio trucks with extensible antennas, which came from the direction of Halle, and proceeded toward Jueterbog. 5

22 July. At about 1100, a train with 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 26 trucks, 2 locked boxcars, and 6 boxcars with personnel, which came from the direction of Falkenberg and proceeded toward Dessau.

At 1230, a train with 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 20 trucks, and 10 boxcars with personnel, which came from the direction of Falkenberg and proceeded toward Dessau. 6

23 July. At 1400, 9 trucks were entrained for Jueterbog.

25 July. At 1100, 1 T-34 tank was entrained and left toward Jueterbog.

26 July. At 1500, 9 T-34 tanks were entrained and left toward Jueterbog. 7

At 1430, a shipment with 11 trucks, similar to the vehicles of the 132-mm rocket launchers, but without guide rails, 3 locked boxcars, and 1 boxcar with an escorting detail. 8

1. Comment. The bulk of the 7th Gds Tank Div. is stationed in the Werder-Markendorf summer camp at Jueterbog. Units of the division, which remained in Dessau-Rosslau, are still practicing in the Oranienbaum training area southeast of Dessau. the motor vehicles seen en route to the installation are believed to belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div. (O-block), and army troops of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Kh-block).

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2. Comment. Only elements of the units of the 7th Gds Tank Div, which remained in the Kochstedt Kaserne, presumably the 4th Gds Mtrcl Bn, and units of the 62d AAA Div were at the installation, while other elements received field training. The motor vehicle observed in Kochstedt are believed to belong to the 62d AAA Div, stationed there. Major elements of the 62d AAA Div, transferred to Wustrow in 3 shipments on 8 July.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. According to other information, the tank units of the 6th Gds Tank Div left the Gallin-Wartenburg training area southeast of Wittenberg and went toward Jueterbog. [REDACTED]
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5. [REDACTED] Comment. Signal units of GSFG and, possibly, the Third Shock Army are quite definitely believed to have returned from the command-post exercise, which presumably terminated in the Lossa training area. [REDACTED] one train each went to Wuensdorf and Dregitz (Stahnsdorf) on 22 July. [REDACTED]
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6. [REDACTED] Comment. The two shipments presumably involved AAA firing details from the area of the First Gds Mecz Army, which transferred to Altengrabow and/or Wustrow. 25X1
7. [REDACTED] Comment. The shipments on 23, 25, and 26 July from Wittenberg to or toward Jueterbog confirm the assumed location of the tank regiments of the 6th Gds Tank Div. [REDACTED] 25X1
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8. [REDACTED] Comment. Equipment was possibly turned in. 25X1

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